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The Honorable Jane F. Garvey
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Garvey:

I noted with interest this past March a Notice in the Federal Register of the FM's intent to soon establish Overflight fees by Interim Final Rule.

When Congress passed the 1996 FM Reauthorization Act? Congress expected that FM would move expeditiously to establish these fees by using the Interim Final Rule process. Although some four years has passed, the congressional desire to require the expeditious establishment of these fees by Interim Final Rule has not changed.

These fees recover the cost of ATC services to users who don't otherwise pay taxes or fees for these services – these are users who fly through US. airspace but neither take-off nor land on US. soil. These fees will support important aviation programs. Congress expects these fees to be established as quickly as possible and that the accelerated Interim Final Rule process specified in the Reauthorization Act will be followed.

I look forward to your announcement of these fees in the near future.

Sincerely,

John J. Duncan, Jr.
Chairman
Aviation Subcommittee